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PAYMENTS BY THE CHEROKEE NATION TO CERTAIN
PERSONS.

LETTER

FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

*Copy of a report from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, showing
payments by Cherokee Indians to certain intruders.*

APRIL 3, 1896.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be
printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, April 2, 1896.

SIR: In further compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress approved March 2, 1895 (28 Stat. L., 876-902), I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a report from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 1st instant, inclosing a copy of one dated December 19, 1895, from Indian Agent D. M. Wisdom, of the Union Agency, Ind. T., with accompanying papers, showing payments by the Cherokee Nation, to such persons as would accept the same, of the amounts awarded them by the appraisers appointed under the provisions of the act named to appraise the value of improvements of intruders in that nation, and of the tender by the nation of the amounts awarded in their cases to those refusing to accept payments.

The report of the aforesaid appraisers was transmitted to Congress with Department letter of January 3, 1896, and is printed in House Document No. 116, present session.

Very respectfully,

JNO. M. REYNOLDS,
Acting Secretary.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., April 1, 1896.

SIR: By report dated October 12, 1895, I transmitted, in accordance with a provision contained in the act of March 2, 1895 (28 Stat. L., 903), copies of certain papers relating to the appraisement of intruders' improvements in the Cherokee Nation showing the number of improvements appraised by the board of appraisers, the amounts awarded to those entitled to receive payment for their improvements under the provision contained in the act of March 3, 1893 (27 Stat. L., 641), and

the amounts found due by the Department upon an examination of the report by the board of appraisers, etc.

I now have the honor, in connection with said report, to transmit herewith, in duplicate, a copy of a report of December 19, 1895, from Agent Wisdown, who incloses the report of the Cherokee treasurer, of payments to the intruders of the amounts awarded, and of the tender to those refusing to accept payment the amounts awarded on their improvements.

All intruders who received payment gave receipts to the treasurer therefor in duplicate, and the duplicate of these receipts accompany Agent Wisdom's report. It has only been deemed necessary to furnish a copy of one of these receipts, all others being like it except as to dates and amounts.

It will be seen from the inclosed papers that 49 intruders accepted the amount awarded and 39 declined to accept.

In some cases where the intruder refused to accept the amount offered he signed a statement acknowledging the tender, and stating that he refused to accept the same on his improvements. In other cases this statement is signed by the treasurer of the Cherokee Nation before witnesses, or by (or before) the assistant treasurer of the nation.

I have the honor to recommend that one copy of the inclosed papers be forwarded to the Vice-President, to be laid before the Senate in connection with my said report of October 12, 1895, which was transmitted to the different Houses of Congress by your letter of January 3, 1896, and is printed in House Document No. 116, the present session of Congress, and that the other copy be forwarded to the Speaker, to be laid before the House of Representatives.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

D. M. BROWNING, *Commissioner.*

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,
Union Agency, Muscogee, Ind. T., December 19, 1895.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a report of E. E. Starr, treasurer of the Cherokee Nation, to which I invite your special attention, in reference to the payment, and tender of payment, to alleged intruders in said Cherokee Nation of the awards made by the commission of appraisement, appointed on the part of the United States, composed of Joshua Hutchins, Peter H. Pernot, and Clem V. Rogers.

The report shows that the said commission appraised 91 improvements of intruders, and that the Cherokee council under an act approved September 20, 1895, appropriated the sum of \$68,645.36 to pay said appraisement. Of this sum the treasurer (according to his report and the duplicate receipts herewith filed) paid out the sum of \$39,541.90 to said intruders; and that he tendered to and the same was refused by certain intruders the sum of \$29,103.46. The parties who refused and the parties who received payment are set out in detail in the report of the said treasurer herewith submitted, and to which special reference is hereby made.

The treasurer, in his report, further says that a detailed statement of expenses and a descriptive list of the improvements required by the act of the national council will be given in a report to the principal chief of said nation, which will be submitted later.

I forward this report of the said treasurer, and the accompanying documents, to your office at the request of S. H. Mayes, principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, in order to show to the Department that the Cherokee Nation has acted in good faith in this matter, and has endeavored to carry out the awards of the said commission in both letter and spirit.

Respectfully submitted,

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

D. M. WISDOM,
United States Indian Agent.

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation, November 14, 1895.

Hon. S. H. MAYES, *Principal Chief*:

(Charged as treasurer to execute the act of the national council approved September 20, 1895, entitled "An act to pay certain intruders the value of their improvements as appraised pursuant to an agreement between the United States and the Cherokee Nation.")

I respectfully submit my report of the payments made and other proceedings required by the said act of the national council.

Mr. Clem V. Rogers, of Coo-wee-scoo-wee, was appointed assistant treasurer and commissioned accordingly.

The report of the United States commission, composed of Joshua Hutchins, Peter H. Pernot, and Clem V. Rogers, showed that 91 improvements of intruders had been made by them, and awards aggregating \$68,645.36 in value. By the act of the national council there was appropriated to pay and satisfy the awards of the United States commission before named the sum of \$68,645.36. Of the whole number of awards made, 49 were paid to the individuals entitled or their legal representatives and 42 were rejected.

The following is a list of the intruders to whom payments were made and the amount paid to each on the award of the United States commission:

No.	Name.	Amount.	No.	Name.	Amount.
57	William J. Watts, sr.....	\$2, 448. 40	253	David B. Bryant.....	\$374. 84
138	Joseph Sherman.....	701. 00	135	Cynthia Goins et al.....	397. 00
77	Charles Sherman.....	800. 00	281	Arrellious or Lonzo Roberts....	417. 34
314	George M. Nichols.....	1, 170. 00	286	Leo H. Singleton.....	601. 00
80	Susan M. Smith.....	853. 25	232	Richard Puffer, by his wife Mar-	
137	Jacob H. Neal.....	1, 260. 00		garet Puffer.....	55. 25
84	W. D. Blackard.....	709. 30	233	Henry M. Puffer.....	126. 40
139	Metisha Watts et al.....	845. 75	231	William M. Snyder.....	353. 00
126	Thomas G. Parker and E. J.		306	Henry Smith and Anna Smith..	305. 40
	Parker.....	407. 95	215	William Henry Moore.....	1, 000. 00
60	John T. Blaylock.....	979. 20	305	Henry Meyers.....	286. 00
81	John Day.....	150. 00	161	Samuel C. Hill.....	1, 011. 50
83	Thomas Hope.....	833. 95	229	Salatbiel M. Stubbs.....	446. 00
125	Thomas H. Blackard.....	539. 13	255	Gov. Belew.....	1, 157. 75
124	Henry H. Patterson.....	528. 20	259	Levi J. Belew.....	844. 50
66	John A. Boyett.....	530. 43	213	Samuel P. Crocett.....	940. 55
131	George W. Walson.....	460. 00	206	James W. Crockett.....	449. 00
130	Thomas F. Watts.....	431. 92	17	Elizabeth Ward.....	1, 066. 02
132	Marion J. Watts.....	2, 500. 00	14	John C. Ward.....	1, 100. 50
129	Alfred J. Watts.....	2, 300. 00	16	Luanna Humphries.....	395. 20
79	Jerry Fleetwood.....	113. 00	230	Junius O. Hill, by S. A. Stubbs,	
133	Mildona Clayborn.....	1, 000. 00		administrator.....	444. 75
53	John P. Hall.....	630. 60	203	J. W. and H. T. Chastine.....	725. 50
51	Jesse L. Tyner.....	658. 29	202	William Crockett et al.....	720. 00
33	Hardin Blansett.....	380. 00			
30	Bell Lipe.....	1, 500. 00		Whole amount paid out to	
313	Samuel Replogle.....	2, 636. 00		intruders on improve-	
251	William Smith.....	853. 00		ments.....	39, 541. 90

The following is a list of the intruders to whom a tender of the awards was made, and the amounts tendered in legal-tender money of the United States, and refused by the intruders, to wit:

No.	Name.	Amount.	No.	Name.	Amount.
12	John O. Cobb.....	\$6, 400. 00	311	Richard J. Beatty.....	\$738. 00
246	Marcus Baird.....	924. 50	250	John H. Harris.....	930. 00
290	John B. Belew.....	600. 50	252	David J. Elliott.....	300. 00
242	Henry Schneider.....	308. 35	309	Thomas J. Elliott.....	910. 09
272	Antoine Gillis, by John B. Gillis.	790. 65	254	Daniel Mabry.....	433. 50
275	Mary Lloyd, W. W. Lloyd, and		258	Monroe D. Belew.....	1, 200. 00
	Minnie Lloyd, heirs of G. W.		248	Samuel B. Belew.....	665. 00
	Lloyd.....	351. 00	291	William Harrell.....	335. 00
288	Perry Hill.....	54. 50	243	Benson Pack.....
282	Thomas Hill.....	404. 50	239	George W. Scruggs.....	434. 50
283	Francis M. Dufoe.....	339. 50	263	V. O. Croford.....	1, 145. 50
295	Robert L. Singleton.....	407. 25	280	Westly F. Phillips.....	573. 95
278	William P. Munson.....	686. 35	284	William Stephens.....	1, 177. 50
168	James A. Deshazo.....	1, 008. 00	167	Alexander Harris.....	671. 10
223	Ishmael Davis.....	398. 80	296	Samuel H. Skinner and wife....	1, 559. 25
221	Ishmael Davis, administrator of		171	John Cope.....	124. 00
	George Davis, deceased.....	600. 70	170	George Brown.....	151. 00
160	Thomas L. Clinkingbeard.....	487. 00	200	Claude G. Brought.....	1, 342. 00
183	Joseph A. Hubbard.....	331. 00	312	Wiley Jones.....	160. 00
212	James Price.....	481. 00			
128	Miza Williams, nee McClain....	150. 00		Whole amount tendered to	
35	Polly Goins.....	267. 50		and refused by intruders.....	29, 103. 46

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Duplicate receipts from intruders who accepted the awards, and certificates of refusal by intruders to whom payment was tendered, duly executed as the law directs, are herewith presented.

The payments and tender of money were made to the individuals in person, excepting Samuel B. Belew and William Harrell—Harrell being away from home, and Samuel B. Belew out of the country, a fugitive from justice. In these two cases tender was made to the wives of the parties.

The numbers on the left of the names of intruders are their numbers on the roll made by United States commission who appraised the improvements.

The detailed statement of the expenses and descriptive list of the improvements required by the act of the national council will be given in a report which will be submitted later.

Respectfully,

E. E. STARR, *Treasurer.*

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CHEROKEE NATION,
November 21, 1895.

I, W. H. Mayes, assistant executive secretary, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of the report of E. E. Starr, treasurer, Cherokee Nation, for the payment of intruder improvements.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Cherokee Nation.

[SEAL.]

W. H. MAYES, *Assistant Executive Secretary.*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, CHEROKEE NATION,
Muldrow, Ind. T., October 4, 1895.

[Number appraiser's report, 139; number on intruder roll, 1,479; amount awarded by appraiser, \$845.75; Sequoyah district, Cherokee Nation.]

Received of E. E. Starr, treasurer Cherokee Nation, on this the 4th day of October, 1895, the sum of \$845.75, lawful money of the United States, in full payment for improvements in my possession "as above numbered," as provided for by the act of Congress approved March 3, 1893, for the appraisement of places or improvements occupied by persons declared to be intruders in the Cherokee Nation, as per act of the national council approved September 20, 1895.

MATISHA WATTS.

Witnesses:

E. W. BUFFINGTON.
CHESTER DOWNING.

(Similar receipt given by parties named in report of the Cherokee treasurer as having been paid.)

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
CHEROKEE NATION, INDIAN TERRITORY,
Delaware District, October 31, 1895.

I hereby certify that I have this 31st day of October, 1895, tendered to Claude G. Brought the amount (\$1,342) assessed upon his improvements, in lawful money of the United States, which he refused to accept on said improvements, located in — district, Cherokee Nation, and No. 200 on appraiser's report, and No. 1498 intruder roll, and assessed by act of Congress approved March 3, A. D. 1891.

E. E. STARR,
Treasurer Cherokee Nation.

Witnesses:

GEORGE HUGHES.
E. W. BUFFINGTON.

(Similar statements, signed by parties refusing to accept payment, as shown by treasurer's report, or by the assistant treasurer or treasurer of the Cherokee Nation, where the parties refused to sign.)